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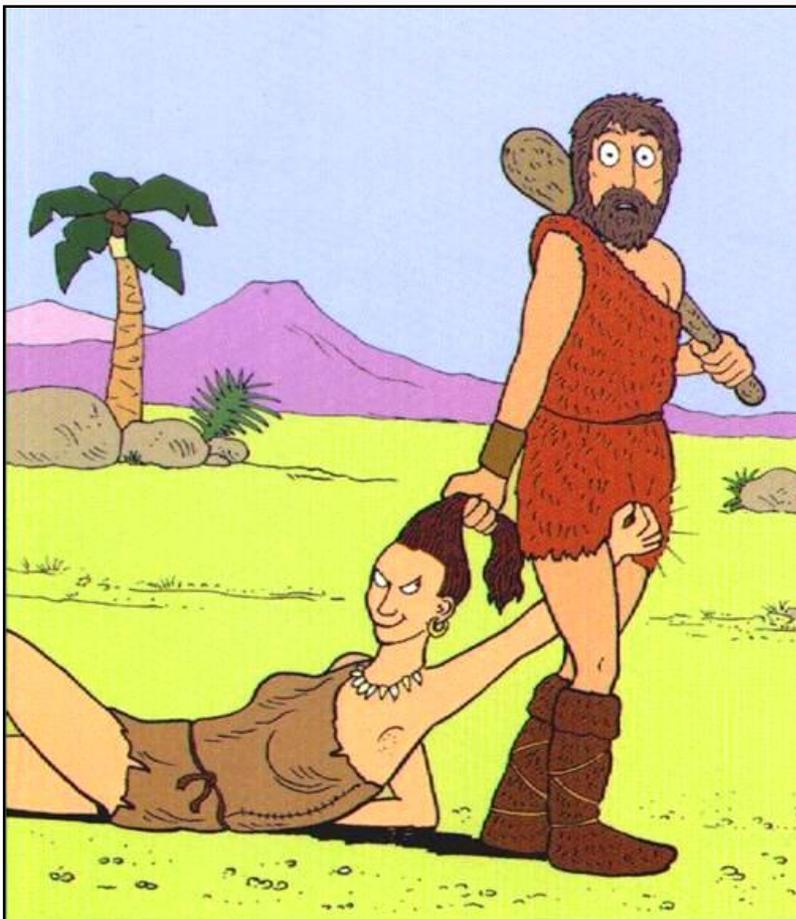
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The club meets at 7:30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month
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WHEN HELP IS NEEDED

Should any members fail to return from any outing, four wheel drive or otherwise, whether as a club member or as a private individual, the following person/s should be contacted in the first instance:

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Editorial Ramblings

WANTED: Society Gossip, Scandal, Rumour, and if all else fails, NEWS! Photos also very welcome

Apologies for the lateness of the magazine - it's probably the first time it's been this late since I started my editorial duties a decade or so ago so I guess that's not too bad a record!

Through work I am heavily involved in the Rugby World Cup (had one trip to Auckland this week and five more between now and the end of October) but I will try and make time so that we get the October magazine out on time.

But I do need contributions or else I will have to fill it up with jokes, etc which while amusing are not what you are wanting in a 4WD publication!!

Alan!

We (CCVC) have been advised by the Petone Working Men's Club that everyone who is not a member of the Petone Working Men's Club **MUST** sign in when they enter the club, including CCVC members attending club nights, meetings, etc.

This is standard procedure for licensed clubs and it is a legal requirement that this be done so please ensure you sign in as a visitor whenever you attend CCVC events at the Petone Working Men's Club (if you are not a member of PWMC of course).

It is very important that we comply with their request if we wish to maintain the good relationship we have with them.

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

This is your magazine so it can only be as good as the contributions you make!! We need any articles, trip reports, technical items, "How-to's", etc to be in the hands of the editor by the end of each calendar month.

Please email to newsletter@ccvc.org.nz or post to 34a Hine Rd, Wainuiomata or fax to 04 914 8366.

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NB: Please remember to call and make an appointment before turning up for an inspection!

CCVC Trophies

We are trying to find out more details on the history of our club trophies and awards: things like previous winners, where the trophy came from, what it was originally given out for, etc.

So if you know anything that we don't know (see trophy page on the website to see what we do know) then please get in touch with a committee member or drop an email to:

newsletter@ccvc.org.nz



National Events

Sept 17-18: Hawkes Bay 4WD Club Tough Truck Challenge Teams of three club trucks (max tyre size 35" & at least 2 winches per team). Two day event with 15 timed sections. On site camping so teams need to be self sufficient. Includes Gwavas forest section too. Contact Errol Lilley on 021 490 244 or email errol@networktech.co.nz

Oct 01-02: Nelson Final of the Mickey Thompson 2011 Oranz National Championship

Oct 08-09: Manukau Winch Challenge More details closer to the time.

Oct 22: National Trial Series Round I, Mt Egmont 4WD Club

Nov 12-13: 9th Annual Ahuroa Volunteer Fire Brigade Fundraiser Rodney Offroad Club. One hour north of Auckland with two runs to choose from (extreme and family), camping available. Costs \$150 (driver & 1 passenger) for 1½ days driving, the farmers dinner, breakfast. Contact Vicki on 027 572 2595 or ram-baud@xtra.co.nz

Nov 20: National Trial Series Round II, South Waikato

Nov 25-27: Wellington Winch Challenge To be held at Rallywoods 4WD Park, more details closer to the time.

Dec 31: National Trial Series Round III, Wanganui

Jan 29, 2012: National Trial Series Round IV, Cross Country Vehicle Club, Wellington

Mar 03, 2012: National Trial Series Round V, Bay of Plenty 4WD Club

Apr 7, 2012: National Trial Series Final, Thames Valley 4WD Club

Some details in this column appear courtesy of Cathy Parker, publisher of the New Zealand 4WD and Sportvehicles magazine. Potential participants should contact the event organiser; CCVC cannot take responsibility for any changes or inadvertent inaccuracies.



Club Sub-Committees

The club has the following sub committees running currently (convenor named first, where applicable):

- **60k:** Terence Broad, Ron Johnson, Bruce Mulhare, Antony Royal, John Vruink, Mark Wolstenholme
- **Club Recovery:** Anthony Reid, Morris Jury, Rodney Bracefield, Gavin Holden
- **Competition:** Neil Blackie
- **Deadwood:** Paul Adams, Roger Seymour, Neil Blackie, Morris Jury, Nick Martin, Dennis Mckinley, John Vruink & Ray Harkness
- **Emergency Comms & Radio:** Ian Hutchings, Grant Purdie, Rodney Bracefield, Jim Johnson, Phil Lewton, Rick Smith, John Vruink, Mark Wolstenholme, Murray Wills, Steve Mercer, Tony Brown
- **Land Access:** Grant Purdie, All trip leaders
- **Police Search & Rescue (SAR):** ???
- **Safety:** Murray Taylor, Carl Furniss, Peter King, Steve Mercer
- **Trip Leaders Forum:** Charles Odlin, All trip leaders
- **Web Project:** Murray Wills, Grant Purdie, Stefen Cook, John Parfitt, Mike Stevens

The club also has the following external organisation liaison people:

- **Akatarawa Recreational Access Committee:** Ralph Dobson, Charles Odlin & Grant Purdie
- **Dept of Conservation Head Office Liaison:** Paul Adams
- **Foxton Beach Coast Care:** Bruce Mulhare, Grant Purdie, Russell Stevens & John Vruink
- **Friends of Belmont:** Stewart Burrell
- **Greater Wellington Regional Council:** Grant Purdie
- **Horowhenua District Council:** Grant Purdie
- **Tread Lightly!:** Ralph Dobson
- **Wellington City Council:** Grant Purdie & Barry Insull



Presidents Piece

September 2011

A very busy month just past with work commitments and weekend rugby, the calendar didn't seem to have any gaps for any recreational driving. Who could have predicted we would get the heaviest dump of snow in living memory. Out in the garage on Sunday night as the temperature dropped the hail started to crashed down and volume on the radio wound up. Then silence as our section started to turn white, I've never seen anything like it here in the Valley. For three days we couldn't get the car up or down the drive, at one stage I even got the chains out just in case as the Zuki had some fun climbing the slippery slope. It is amazing how driving in snow can catch you out, I took the Prado down to get diesel on Sunday evening and found that road orientated tyres and fresh snow can get the ABS system working overtime. I appreciated the mud tyres on the Zuki so much better and never felt that I wasn't in control. Some real characters come out in these situations, we past a couple sitting in deck chairs, sipping a hot brew under an umbrella as they watched cars sliding all over the place trying to get up the hill at Timberlea.

The committee are looking at the club having a "Community Assistance" type group, we feel this is a better idea than having Search & Rescue which has not been called on by the authorities for years. This is a result of feedback from Chch clubs who helped out in the aftermath of the earthquake. As we put together a subcommittee more information on this group will be sent out. Our timing on this is pretty good as I got a call from Wellington Free Ambulance on the Sunday night when the first snow storm came through, they were concerned some of their staff wouldn't be able to get to work and were considering their options, this is exactly the sort of thing our club could be used for.

Roger Seymour (National PRO) has an up date on what the National Association is up to after their last meeting, he will present an over view at the next club night. How many of you have checked out the NZFWDA web site lately, go and have a look - nzfwda.org.nz - plenty of information on what's happening out there.

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A big thanks goes to Andrew Gee who presented an interesting talk at the last club night on rock hopping trucks you can hire in Oz, he also had some photo's of his Jeep wearing the new Cooper tyres, very nice. As I mentioned at the last club night I will be away for the next two months, I'm spending the son's inheritance on a trip around Europe, I figure you have to do these things while you still can. If I get a chance I'll send Alan a short piece for next months mag just to rub it in.



Enjoy the world cup and not too many tears if we stumble at the try line, after watching the Wallabies give us a lesson on pressure in the first half of the Brisbane test we are not guaranteed anything.

Cheers
Ralph Dobson
CCVC President

South Island Summer Escape - Day 6

If you would like to 4WD to your own idyllic lakeside camping spot where you can boat, fish, horse ride, mountain bike, tramp, walk the dog or simply laze then read on.

Day six started just out of Te Anau on SH 94 at the 80 sign once all the trucks had arrived.

We drove along the tar sealed road before turning onto the Mavora Lakes Road and travelling beside the Mararoa River. The gravel track took us alongside the smaller South Mavora

Lake where DOC camping is very popular during the summer and then on to the North Mavora Lake. From here an uneven 4WD track lead us through indigenous beech forest giving us a really rocky ride. Sections of the track left the bush and took us out onto gravel around the lake edge. Then we entered a tussock area with stream crossings and muddy holes until we finally reached an open grassy area at the north end of the lake to find Careys Hut, noted for its outdoor shower. Unfortunately, the track from there was too difficult for all the trucks so after morning tea we returned by the same route to go along Centre Hill Road to Mossburn where we found a welcome service station -one that hadn't closed down. The proprietor was quite taken



aback with the number of trucks filling up.



Various lunch spots were taken with some of us finding shelter beside a bridge over the Oreti River on SH 97. Noel, wearing his gumboots and waving a wash cloth spent the whole time cleaning his Nissan in the river. He showed up our dusty trucks but not for long.

Continuing along SH 97 we turned off onto Irthing Road to travel up Mt

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Bee. This was one of the roughest tracks on the trip and yet Gillian managed to sleep in the heat on the way up. We stopped to admire the view and look at Mt Bee Hut while Ian and Bernice in Orange Peel continued further up the track to see if we could continue but the decision was made to return to SH6. (The Mulholland Track is described in the SI 4WD books but has been closed for ten years)! It was just a short trip along SH6 before turning onto Eyre Creek Rd through Glen



Eyre and Eyre Creek Stations along a fairly easy farm track with some river crossings up to the Shepherd Creek Hut. Rather than travelling up Eyre Creek Rd three vehicles did stop to play in the river and consequently, they found our destination at Athol first and were able to direct the rest.

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Eastbourne Beach Clean up 27/08/2011

On a fine and almost windless Saturday morning ten CCVC members gathered at Burdans Gate at the end of Eastbourne for the annual Keep New Zealand Beautiful Week clean up of the beaches from the gate to the light house. This year the clean up week was a month earlier than usual because of the Rugby World Cup.

Bags (supplied by KNZB) were distributed and once through the gate members attacked the rubbish accumulated on the beaches. As usual rubbish was concentrated on particular beaches but there wasn't as much as there has been in past years, perhaps because a lot of the bushes on the edge of some beaches have been cut down so no longer trap rubbish underneath them as they have in the past. While this means that there was less rubbish for us to collect, it does make you wonder where it has all gone to instead. Perhaps it is now all being blown out into Cook Straight which cannot be a good thing.

While the number of members attending the event were down on previous years, the crew worked hard and we were finished at around midday with the bagged rubbish heading off to the transfer station in Seaview.

Thank you to those members that gave up their Saturday morning to participate in this worthwhile event and thank you to Darren Young for again organising access etc with the Hutt City Council.



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Akas Revisited with Daise!
Maintenance/ Snow fall clearing 28/08/2011
By John Parfitt

What's small, green and perfectly formed? Well if it's not a frog it must be Morris' baby chainsaw (think a Bob the Builder tool kit size) and boy did it get a workout.

As most members will know there was a lot of damage in the Akatarawa Forest as a result of the heavy snow storm a few weeks back. Basically the foliage couldn't cope with the weight of the snow and so a lot simply gave up and fell all over the tracks effectively blocking most of them. As a result two clean up trips were organised to try and clear as much as we could. One trip was lead by Stewart Burrell and went in via Cooks Road and the other by Charles Odlin entering via Totara Park.

Meeting at 8:30am at the Moonshine Haywards corner the team led by Stewart Burrell consisted of 13 vehicles many containing more than 1 "worker". We then drove to Cooks Road gate where we aired down, had a briefing and broke into 3 teams, the plan being that the first team would bush bash their way as far through the tracks as possible and then stop clearing in front of them while the other teams worked their way forward. Once they had caught up the process would be repeated. A good theory so long as the track was not completely blocked and wouldn't let team 1 through.

During the course of the day the group cleared Dicks Yard, Curtis Flat, Hydro Road to the Orange Hut (where we had a late lunch), Norms Crossing, Rimu Road and Clearys Road returning to the Cooks Road gate at around 5:00pm. These tracks are now effectively cleared (until the next storm) although some of the bigger trees were left for another day where we were able to pass under them. These will take a big effort and the correct gear to clear them.

Being vehicle 3 in team 1, I was exhausted just watching the effort put in by the members of "Team Daise (Stewart, Jane and Zack) and "Team Spyder" (Morris and Stephen). The number of times they were in and out of those vehicles was too many to count as were the trees and branches cut and shifted. I'm sure that the teams at the back worked just as hard but these are the folks I observed.

That small green chainsaw that Morris had purchased for under \$200 at Bunnings sure got a work out. In and out of the vehicle countless times and started many more. I think he got its value back in just one day with the amount of cutting it did.

Thanks to all that worked so hard and long on the day. There are lots of tracks still to clear but at least you can now traverse much of the forest again where you couldn't before we started.



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The Athol campsite was a lovely little camping ground and several sites had a small building containing toilet, hand basin and shower. What a bonus! Plus, we were the only campers there. For us, it was a pleasure to meet Athol as this was Dad's name.

Max & Gillian George

Are you a new member? Do you get the News emails from the club? Do you have access to the club's web-site memberzone? If not then have a word with a committee member as these are all ways in which the club communicates with it's members. Some useful email addresses are:

- Webmaster@ccvc.org.nz (general web site queries)
- Lists@ccvc.org.nz (person who administers the list servs)
- Trips@ccvc.org.nz (Trip Coordinator)
- Newsletter@ccvc.org.nz (to send stuff to the newsletter editor)
- Database@ccvc.org.nz (membership database administrator)
- Access@ccvc.org.nz (Chairman of the Land Access Management Committee)
- NZFWDAdelegate@ccvc.org.nz (NZ Four Wheel Drive Association delegate)
- Treasurer@ccvc.org.nz (club treasurer)
- Welfare@ccvc.org.nz (club welfare officer)
- David.coxon@xtra.co.nz (Club night photo submission)
- Helpdesk@ccvc.org.nz (any general questions)

Day 7 – South Island Summer Escape **Wayne and Rowan**

On the sixth night, we arrived at Athol, and we can only say it was a strange little community. As we came off the main road in to the motor camp, there was a court yard with some four wheel drives, and signs advertising some sort of tour, which looked quite interesting. Jeff and Gowan went in to have a look and were told they were closed, piss off. There was a sign saying "if you can read this, you're trespassing".

The next morning, we left Athol and headed up the steep gravel road to the Nevis Valley. The last time Wayne and I had been here was in the early 80s, when we took our Daihatsu camper over the road, starting at the Cromwell end. Even then we had to shift a lot of boulders to get through the creeks, and the track was definitely now in a lot worse condition, impossible for a two wheel drive camper.

The road was steep and we had our first stop at an old skiing hut, built in the 1940s (I think).

Then we headed down through the Nevis Valley, which has been thoroughly sluiced for gold, the present rolling valley was created by the tailings. We went through the Nevis in the 90s on the way to the Wanaka Air show, and they had large excavators and gold screens working with bulldozers to landscape when they were done. We met some of the crew, and they flew in and out in a helicopter.

We stopped at the site of the original homestead, where only two families now reside. One of them has collected many of the old mining relics, and they are visible around a private home, which was fenced off.

We met a guy collecting old mining relics at the side of the road, and one of us asked him about the relics he was removing. He wasn't very believable, and it's sad to see this sort of public relic going into private ownership and removed from our view.

We stopped for lunch at Carricktown, where we found an old mine entry, but weren't game to go in and have a look – the entrance didn't look very stable. None the less we collected 10 oz of gold. After that, the road took us down past an old waterwheel, well below the road, and the track to it was on private property, so photos but no hands on experience.

We headed into Clyde and Alexandra to stock up, and we had a very welcome cooling rasp-

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berry and lemonade at the Clyde pub. Afterwards we all met at the various lookout points for the Clyde Dam (yes we're easily confused) and headed on through Cromwell to Mt Pisa station, our camping spot for the night. The showers were cold and the water was brown, but we enjoyed ourselves anyway – it was a good campsite.

The next day we headed up the side of the Pisa Range, the steepest road we've ever driven on.



20cm of snow in Auckland - city paralyzed!!!



Dear Employees:

As the CEO of this organization, I have resigned myself to the fact that Barack Obama is our President and that our taxes and government fees will increase in a BIG way. To compensate for these increases, our prices would have to increase by about 10%. But since we cannot increase our prices right now due to the dismal state of the economy, we will have to lay off sixty of our employees instead. This has really been bothering me since I believe we are family here and I didn't know how to choose who would have to go.

So, this is what I did. I walked through our parking lots and found sixty 'Obama' bumper stickers on our employees' cars and have decided these folks will be the ones to let go. I can't think of a more fair way to approach this problem. They voted for change.....I gave it to them.

I will see the rest of you at the annual company picnic.

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Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place	Status	Notes
September 2011						
Saturday 3rd	GWRC Planting - Bookings Required	John Parfitt	Shiny 4X4	Akatarawa Forest		
Tuesday 6th	CCVC Safety Sub Committee Meeting	Murray Taylor	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-		
Saturday 10th	Conservation Week tour of the South Coast - Bookings Essential	David Sole	Shiny 4X4	Wellington South Coast/Red Rocks & Long Gully		
Sunday 11th	Deadwood Clean Up - Bookings Required - Limited Numbers	Graeme Millard	Shiny 4X4	Akatarawa Forest - Deadwood Ridge		
Wednesday 14th	Club Night - All Welcome	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Wednesday 21st	Scones in the Forest - Book with Graeme 04 5267636 or 029 2001700	Graeme Millard	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest		
Saturday 24th	Orongorongo - Proposed	Morris Jury	Family Shiny			
Sunday 25th	NZFWDA Central Zone Truck Challenge (Round 1)	NZFWDA Central Zone	Shiny 4X4	Mike Dransfield's Property, 241 Kahuterawa Rd, Linton, Palmerston North		
Wednesday 28th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30			

October 2011

Saturday 1st	Shiny in the Akers - Bookings Required	David Coxon	Shiny 4X4	Akatarawa Forest		
Wednesday 12th	Club Night - All Welcome	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Friday 21st	Ohinewairua (Taihape) for Labour Weekend - Bookings Essential	John Vruink	Shiny 4X4 / Club 4X4	Ohinewairua Station, Taihape		
Saturday 22nd	Escape the Rugby Rush - Bookings Required	Graeme Millard	Shiny 4X4	Akatarawa Forest		
Sunday 23rd	Explore the Akatarawas - Trip Leaders only	Graeme Millard	Shiny 4X4	Akatarawa Forest		
Wednesday 26th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30			
Saturday 29th	Terewhiti Beach Clean up - Bookings Required	Ralph Dobson	Shiny 4X4	Terawhiti Station		
Sunday 30th	Orongorongo - Proposed	-tba-	Family Shiny			

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Saturday 5th	Terewhiti Beach Clean up - Rain off date	Ralph Dobson	Family Shiny			
Sunday 6th	CCVC Training Day for Prospective Members - Bookings Essential Contact Steve (04) 233 - 1121 or (027) 442 - 2898	Steve Mercer	Family Shiny	Find out when you book.		
Wednesday 9th	Club Night - All Welcome	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Friday 11th	Deadwood Marshall Training (This is not a Trip but a training evening for club members)	Paul Adams	Family Shiny	Roger Seymour's Spread, 95 Normandale Rd. Lower Hutt		
Sunday 13th	Takapari and North Range Road - Book with David 045674501 or 0274510361	David Coxon	Family Shiny	Manawatu - North Range Road Takapari Road, Manawatu		
Monday 14th	CCVC Trip Leaders Forum	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Wednesday 16th	CCVC Club Recovery Sub Committee Meeting	Anthony (Ant) Reid	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-		
Saturday 19th	South Coast Clean Up	Barry Insull	Family Shiny	Wellington South Coast/Red Rocks		
Saturday 26th	Orongorongo - Proposed	-tba-	Family Shiny			
Wednesday 30th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30			

Trip Categories

The following trip category definitions, plus any *additional* requirements specified on individual Trip Information Sheets, will be enforced, for safety reasons. Trip Leaders will turn away vehicles or drivers that do not comply. The vehicle and driver requirements given here are a summary of the full requirements listed on the club website. Please refer to www.cvc.org.nz for a definitive list of requirements.

For all Categories: All open or soft-top vehicles must have a roll bar or roll cage.

All Categories **other than Family 4X4** are for members only. Prospective members and visitors are welcome if they can demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another club and have adequate experience.

Family 4X4:

Description: Family trip. These trips will be straightforward and will usually include some degree of guidance in driving techniques as necessary.

Drivers: Particularly suited to family outings and drivers new to off-road driving, this category is also open to anybody who enjoys this style of trip.

Members: Anybody is welcome, especially prospective new members.

Vehicles: An important objective is minimal challenge and minimal risk to vehicles. Club safety equipment is mandatory for club members; it is not mandatory for non-members although it is recommended for vehicles once their drivers have participated in one or two trips. All open or soft-top vehicles must have a roll bar or roll cage.

Shiny 4x4:

Description: More difficult family trips, for shiny wagons and drivers *with some experience* who want more challenge and don't mind minor bush marks etc on their vehicles.

Drivers: Must have some experience, particularly important are experience in stopping, failed hill climbs, steep descents and sidelings. Club members must have completed CCVC Driver Training and participated in at least 2 Family 4X4 trips after becoming a member.

Vehicles: Vehicles must have mud tyres, tow hooks and all the required equipment per the club's document "Vehicle Safety & Equipment Inspections". This applies to all vehicles on the trip.

Club 4x4:

Description: Challenging trips, for experienced drivers. There will be steep and challenging terrain, modestly deep water and mud, likelihood of bush marks.

Drivers: Must have experience beyond that required for Shiny 4x4 trips, including water crossings and vehicle recovery. Club members must have participated in at least 2 Shiny 4X4 trips.

Vehicles: Must have mud tyres, tow hooks and all the required equipment per the club's document "Vehicle Safety & Equipment Inspections". This applies to all vehicles on the trip. Accessories such as high-lift jacks, externally mounted spare tyre, bush bars and multiple jacking points are of advantage. Winches are often particularly useful. Generally a short wheelbase vehicle is better suited for the tight tracks.

Hard Yakka:

Description: Difficult trips with very challenging terrain and surfaces, where winching, digging, and vehicle damage are all a possibility!

Drivers: Experienced drivers only, must have approval of Trip Leader. Club members must have participated in at least 3 Club 4X4 trips.

Vehicles: As per the Club 4x4 category. In addition, a roll-bar or roll-cage is recommended for all vehicles on Hard Yakka trips. Often a winch is mandatory on a Hard Yakka trip; this will be specified on the Trip Information Sheet



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